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My Mother's Diary

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This diary was written in 1916 when my mother was 17 years old. It was found by my brother Bill and his wife Regina in my mother's effects after she died from an aortic aneurysm in Chatham, MA. on March 23, 1987 at the age of 88.

The following information, about my mother's parents and grandparents was found along with her dairy:

My mother's mother, Margaret J. Slack was born on October 26, 1860 in Island Pond, VT. and died on Christmas morning in 1927. Margaret's mother was Mary Maroney (Slack) and she was born in Ireland. Margaret's father was Alexander Slack. His ancestors came to Thetford, VT. in 1627 from England.

My mother's father, Samuel Gilman was born in Canterbury, NH (a little town close to Penacook) and was a carpenter. I have no further information on him.

My mother's parents, Samuel and Margaret Gilman moved to the farm in Canterbury in 1894. Charlie, my mother's older brother was probably 4 years old at that time. His birth is recorded in 1890 in Worcester, MA. He died in 1972 in Concord, NH. at age 82. My mother was born in Canterbury, NH. on June 13, 1898 and died in Chatham, MA. on March 23, 1987 at the age of 88.

My Father, Weston Nickerson passed away in July 1945 at the age of 49. The cause of his death was attributed to a heart attack. At the time, my mother was working the evening shift at the local drug store. She arrived home shortly after 9:00 PM and found him on the living room floor. He was already gone.

My mother and father, Weston and Ruth Nickerson, were married in the farmhouse in Canterbury, NH. in March, 1917 or 1918 (I am not sure). Weston Nickerson, Jr. was born in Canterbury, NH. on January 21, 1919. He died, very suddenly, in 1974 at the age of 55 from a heart problem. I, Patricia Naomi Nickerson, was born in Concord, NH. on July 18, 1922. Between the time that I was born and my younger brother, Bill was born, my parents moved back to Chatham, MA. My brother, William Gilman Nickerson, was born in our house on Ocean View Terrace in Chatham (I remember, in the upstairs bedroom) on October 13, 1928.

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Sunday, Jan. 2, 1916
We didn't get up until almost ten. Had breakfast and fooled around until eleven then Ma and I went to Penacook after the papers. Got some gelatine, tried to make some marshmallows. Didn't turn out very well. Lee came about two. Had a roast veal for dinner and it tasted awfully good. Spent a pleasant evening. Charlie beat. Bed at 8:3o. Lee and I had a scrap. "Made up" before we went to bed. Knocked my glasses down and busted one.

Monday, Jan. 3, 1916
Cold, very rough. We got up at 5:30. Lee started chopping for Walter Jones. Charlie worked until noon. Mr. Pope took one load over and loaded another. I started my first stocking! Practiced an hour. *(She played the piano, I think.)* Slept a few minutes. Had a letter from Vida. Coopie knocked Mamma's glasses down and broke one. Awful windy tonight. Lee didn't get home until after 6:30. Played 500 until eight then went to bed.

Tuesday, Jan. 4, 1916
Snow. All up at 5:30. Mr. Pope took one load. Didn't take my lesson. Knitted quite a lot. Lee and I went to Grange. Had quite a meeting. Got home at 11:30. Ma was up. Ate marshmallows and then went to bed. Practiced.

Wednesday, Jan. 5, 1916
Rained some. Clear in afternoon. All up at 5:30. I didn't go to Concord. George came up so Mama took Mary overstreet. Didn't practice today. Chandler didn't come. Rained hard tonight. Played 500. Started a pillow of cigarette flags.

Thursday, Jan. 6, 1916
Fair. All up at 5:30. Again, I went to Dr. Trues. *(She writes often about a Dr. Trues but, I am not sure of the spelling. It could be Dr. Tures.)* Had two teeth filled. Went to Concord. Got home at noon. Practiced and worked some this afternoon. Pope went with two loads. Chandler helped Charlie some. Ma feeling about the same. She went out for a walk tonight. I sewed a little then got supper. Made a gelatine pudding. After supper Lee and I walked down to the store. Got 8 oranges for a dollar.

Friday, Jan. 7, 1916
Cold, beautiful day. Ma didn't get up until later. Nearly finished my pillow. Knitted some. Ma and I had a fight. I didn't save her any "dogs" and she was mad. Practiced. The three of us went to Boscawen Grange. State Lecturer Varney installed them. Had a dandy supper. Cold coming home. Got here at one.

Saturday, Jan. 8, 1916
Sharp. Fair. Worked like time this A.M. Cleaned everything. Ma scrubbed all day. Chandler worked. Mr. Pope went twice. Started to embroider a pillow top. Went down to Scales with team. Lee went to the center early. Charlie and I took Martha up. Had a splendid rehearsal. Mrs. Morrill came to coach us. Oh, gosh, I am tired. Got home at one. Bed immediately!

Sunday, Jan. 9, 1916
Pleasant. I didn't get up until 11:15 and wasn't dressed until 12. Charlie slept nearly all day. Mama feeling some better. I didn't do much all day. Scott brought papers. Charlie and Mama drove to Concord. He took a lesson. Made some marshmallows. Had better luck. Lee built his camp. Got here at 6:30. He milked. The folks came about eight. Had supper, then went to bed.

Monday, Jan. 10, 1916
Snowed some, fair. I got up at 6:30. Charlie didn't work except at home. Lee started housekeeping. Ma feeling punk again. I sewed, knitted and practiced some. About all I did was dishes. No mail. I want a letter, by gosh. Picked out a piece to speak and learned some. Went to bed at nine.

Tuesday, Jan. 11, 1916
Beautiful day. I got up at seven. Charlie had gone. Pope took two loads. I took a lesson. Got a couple pieces of music. Came home about noon. Ma is about the same. Sewed some and worked some more. Ma made pies. No rehearsal. Lee came about eight. He was about sick. Something was the matter anyway. He left about 9:30. I went to bed at ten. If I don't get a letter soon I shall swear.

Wednesday, Jan. 12, 1916
Cloudy. Mamma feeling some better. I am awfully disappointed, expected to go to Concord and stay a while but I couldn't go. Damn. Chandler worked. He brought us a dandy pork roast that Charlie helped kill yesterday. Had it for dinner. Hurray.. got a letter from Ida. Practiced. Slept a few minutes. Ma washed my dishes while I watered the cows. Played 63 awhile. Wrote a letter to Viola and Ralph. Petticoats has one puppy.

Thursday, Jan. 13, 1916
Rain. Fair in A.M. Ma and I didn't get up until eight. She knitted. Is feeling much better. I worked like time all the morning. Have to do something. Charlie fooled around until eleven, filing saws, etc. Worked some in pasture. He shot a rabbit and two other things. I took Ma over street. She stayed at Elysworth's. I got somethings for candy, etc. Had corn ground. Got home at six. Lee came after milk. Had an unsatisfying talk . He left at 8:30. Bed soon after. Pictorial came.

Friday, Jan. 14, 1916
Fair. Slept punk. Dreamed everything even about fleas. Charlie worked all day. Got a dandy dinner. Dressed two rabbits. Made some fondant. I wrote a letter. Feel lots better. Very cold tonight. Went to bed about eight. Charlie had a letter and lost it this afternoon. He nearly had a fit. Dinah had three puppies.

Saturday, Jan. 15, 1916
5 below zero. Fair. Nearly froze last night. Charlie loaded Pope before he did the chores. I dipped some candy for Mr. Pope. Fooled around all day. The McCalls came. Read that. Practiced some. Herbert L. called on way home just as Lee came. They never even looked. Goodness, I wanted to giggle. Charlie and I went after Ma. Lee stayed here. Went to the pictures. Saw some of the " Broken Coin". Grace Cunard is a corker. Got home at ten. Lee was snoring like time on the little couch. Gave him the letter I wrote yesterday. Margery sent me a cute little cap and scarf. Bed at 11.

Sunday, Jan. 16, 1916
Great day. I got up around nine. After breakfast Lee and I went down to his camp. Mr. and Mrs. Tallman came. Had lots of fun. They papered it and we cleaned up inside. I wouldn't mind camping out for a while. It must be fun. Oh, dear, wish I was a man. They brought us home. I did the separator and dishes with Lee's help. Charlie feels awful mean. Ma's got a headache and I've had a sick headache all day. Lee went down to the store. Milked then, we had supper. Played until 8. Folks went to bed.

We talked until nearly nine. Very satisfactory. Am perfectly happy now.

Monday, Jan. 17, 1916
Snow blew all day. Charlie all in. Baked bread. Worked until noon. Head's alright today. Colder than Greenland. Helped water the cows. All I did was telephone all day for tomorrow night. Played Pinochle with Ma. Bed at 8. Kind of lonesome. I said to Mama, I wished I had a grapefruit and she says, "For heaven's sake, don't wish for them. They are a luxury. Take a lemon instead." Oh, gosh, Charlie feels some better.

Tuesday, Jan. 18, 1916
Cold, great day. Got up at seven. Worked all the morning. Charlie feeling better. He worked. Pope only went once. I went up to Etta's. Got some eggs and brought her back with me. Ma made a cake for Grange. Had a letter from Alice. Lee came about seven. All went to Installation except Charlie. Had a corking time. Mr. H. Brown installed assisted by Osgood. Danced until 1:30 Thoroughly enjoyed myself. Home at two. Left Etta. Got scolded for not hurrying to bed. Poor Ma. She was so tired. Lee went to the mill. I don't envy him his job tomorrow. I didn't get to sleep until 3.

Wednesday, Jan. 19, 1916
Fair. Oh, dear. "the morning after the night before." Milked for Charlie, got breakfast, dinner and supper. Dressed a rabbit then another. Took Ma to Mrs. Elsworth's. Got home at nearly four. Washed the kitchen floor. No mail again today. Somebody is using me mighty mean not to write to me a letter. Am going to get one tomorrow. Ma stayed over. Gosh, all hemlock, but I am tired. Guess I'll write a letter to Ida then pound my pillow.

Thursday, Jan. 20, 1916
I got up at 6:30. Made a pie for dinner. Chandler wasn't here. Fooled around all afternoon. Went to Penacook about four. Got some sugar and oranges. Got home after five. Finished Ida's letter. Read until eight then beat it to bed. No letter.

Friday, Jan. 21, 1916
Warm, cloudy. Didn't get up until seven. Hustled all the morning, made another pie. Had a dandy dinner. I stuffed Chandler's mitten full of paper and he called me a little devil. I should worry. No letter today either. Made a cake. Expected Ma but she telephoned that she couldn't come. Lee came up. Sewed some on my pillow. He got hit with tree, knocked his head off. He left at ten. Charlie feeling punk.

Saturday, Jan. 22, 1916
Warm, cloudy. We got up at seven. Worked like the deuce all day. Cleaned all through. Made another pie. Had a letter from Bernice. She says I can have my job at Chatham. Went to the pictures this afternoon with Ma. They were fine. Hurray, had some "dogs" for supper. Lee came before seven. Ma went to another confounded rehearsal. Poor sleighing. Got home at 1:30. Went to bed immediately.

Sunday, Jan. 23, 1916
Fair, warm. Sleighing going. Walked up to Etta's. She made some fudge. Helped get dinner. Didn't squeal on Lee. Helped him with his ax. Took Ma to Mrs. Elsworth's. Didn't get our paper. Had a very heated argument coming home and I don't know as I feel any better for it and I am sure Lee doesn't. He left at ten. I went right to bed. Whooped a while then went to sleep.

Monday, Jan. 24, 1916
Fair, warm. Sleighing gone. Feel punk. Lazy, I guess. I have thought it all out and have come to a decision. Went to slope for three hours. Gladys sent the tooth powder and talcum powder. Had a letter from Cousin Jessie and

Helen. Went to bed at nine. Baked bread. My decision is that I am going to Chatham.

Tuesday, Jan. 25, 1916
Ditto, cloudy. No mail. Darn it. Took a music lesson. Rode over with Ken and walked home. Got here at 12:30. Bought two pieces of music. Don't like one. Sewed some. No rehearsal. Charlie and I met Lee. He planned to go to Penacook and I am just as well satisfied. Everybody sore. I should worry. We'll have the play sometime. Bed at nine. Kind of tired.

Wednesday, Jan. 26, 1916.
59 above, HOT, fair. We got up at seven. Charlie fixed telephone line. Chandler sick. Ma's pudding he ate yesterday, I'll bet. Made three pies. Separated. Had a letter from Mamie. Everybody sick down there. Went after Ma. Met her just beyond the depot. I finished embroidering the pillow I started on the 8th. Went to bed about nine.

Thursday, Jan. 27, 1916
Warm. Heavy fog. I went to Concord this morning. Took a vocal lesson. Met Mr. Eldridge on the street. He came home with me. Heard more lies than I have for a good while. Got here at two. Mr. Lebeau came after the Noble gentleman. Got a new piece of music, "Mother". Fooled around all the afternoon. Rained some tonight. Charlie had to play for the dance. Lee came and we all went up. Had a very pleasant time altho only 22 were there. Got home at twelve. Mrs. Snow wrote to me saying she would expect me in Chatham, Ma. the first of June. Lee has stopped objecting. He went back to camp.
(Lee, as you have probably guessed by now, was my mother's first boyfriend.)

Friday, Jan. 28, 1916
Warm. Blew up cold. Heavy wind. Am very sleepy. Ma washed today. I helped her and did all the other housework. Charlie went down to the store tonight. The wind blew very hard this afternoon. Broke the clothes line. Chandler worked. Went to bed early. *(I am not sure, but it sounds to me that Chandler was a man, maybe a neighbor, who worked on the farm for them.)*

Saturday, Jan. 29, 1916
Decided change. Fair. Cold. Played cards with Ma until nine. Goodness, how we hated to start in. Washed the dishes, made a small cake and three pies. Ma cleaned the sitting room and scrubbed the floors. Had some eggs for dinner and they tasted great. Cleaned up the sink and ironed my waist while Ma was getting ready. Went to the moving pictures. The continued picture was corking. Went to Mrs. Brown's. Ma had a little sewing to do. *(I remember my mother telling me that her mother was a seamstress,)* Waited for Lee until 6:30 then came home. Just missed him. He came about 7:20. We went to the rehearsal. LeBeau was feeling fine. Mrs. Morril came. Didn't get home until two.

Sunday, Jan. 30, 1916
I got up at nine. Charlie went fishing with Kenneth. After I washed the separator, Lee and I went skating on Blake's meadow. It was great altho my skates were punk. Got home at one. Charlie came soon after. He didn't get even a bite. After dinner, Lee went to camp and Charlie and I went to Penacook. He went to Concord. Lee came soon after he left. We waited until Charlie came back. Lee got me a dandy pair of skates. Got home at eight. Read the papers a while then Lee went back. I went right to bed. I stuck a sliver under my nail and couldn't get it out.

Monday, Jan. 31, 1916
Cloudy. Charlie went fishing again. I started practicing at ten and got up at 11:30. Ma went up to Mrs. Pope's. Had a letter from Pomona Lecturer. I watered Daisy. Charlie came about four and they caught four beauties. One weighed 2 and a half pounds, the four - 8

pounds and 6 ounces. They were the largest fish he ever caught. He kept two. Lon came up tonight and played 500. He didn't go home until nearly eleven. Goodness, I was so sleepy.

Tuesday, Feb. 1, 1916
Fair. Pleasant. Got up about seven. Practiced until time to go for my lesson. Ma went with me. She got some yarn to make Charlie some leggings. She started them this afternoon. Had another scrap tonight. Lee came about seven. We took Martha to the Grange. Had a pretty good meeting. Got home at one. Lee went back. Bed at 1:30.

Wednesday, Feb. 2, 1916
Snow, 23 above. Snow all day. Got up at twenty minutes of ten. Had a couple of eggs for breakfast. Did all the work. Ma knitted all day. Had a letter from Mannie. Gladys had a little baby boy. Ma made a cake and I frosted it. We fought all day and I'm getting sick of it. Lee came up tonight and said he got through down to the mill. Went to bed at nine or shortly after feeling pretty sore.

Thursday, Feb. 3, 1916
l9 degrees above, snow. Cleared at noon. We got up at eight. Breakfast soon after. Didn't go to Concord. Lee went to Tilton. If he gets the position, it will be beyond my expectations. Separated. Fooled until noon. Did all the work. Lee came at two and expects to go Monday. He went to Mrs. Morill's. Had a rehearsal tonight and we aren't any farther along than last December. Got home at 12:30. Lee went home. Awful hard going, sleigh scraped all the way. *(When she writes the word - separated- it means the cream from the milk of the cow)*

Friday, Feb. 4, 1916
10 degrees above, fair. Chandler came down but didn't work. I made some fondant. Had dandy luck. Finished all the candy. Charlie took Mr. Pope's up to him. Ma knitted. Lee phoned. Went to bed early. I had a letter from Dorothy G. Charlie went to Concord this afternoon.

Saturday, Feb. 5, 1916
Fair. Snow some at night. Worked all day, cleaning up. Separated. Lee came at noon. Ma, he and I went over to the pictures. They were all good. Charlie chopped. After supper, we went to rehearsal. Lee walked. Two were absent. I went home with the Tallmans *(Lee's parents.)* Sat up a while then went to bed about 2:30.

Sunday, Feb. 6, 1916
I got up about eight. Played the phonograph nearly all the time. I wrote a letter to Mr. Reed for Lee and one to Dorothy Gay Lord for myself. Told her I couldn't come and why. Lee took me to his grandpa's for dinner then went to his aunt's. Had supper and spent the evening. We started about 8:30 for home. Lee made me a promise tonight and I am so happy. For I know he will keep it now. Expect to have the play Monday.

Monday, Feb. 7, 1916
Fair, quite cold. Lee expected to go to Waines but didn't on account of the weather. He brought me home this morning. I took some pictures of the cats and horses. We went to Penacook. Had the bills printed for the play. Had dinner. Did the chores up. Mama and Lee had a talk and she has consented. Charlie began cutting ice today and he is very tired. Lee went home at seven. I went to bed at 7:30. Oh, so tired.

Tuesday, Feb. 8, 1916
Got up this morning, fed up *(wonder if she means the livestock?)* had breakfast then milked. Wrote a couple of letters, then did all the housework. Practiced, watered the cows and milked tonight. Went to rehearsal, took Martha, had to put up Daisy alone. Charlie cut ice and Ma knitted.

Wednesday, Feb. 9, 1916.
Snow, cold. Lee phoned this morning that he had to go to Warner. Charlie did the chores. Mrs. Tallman stayed here and I took Lee over. Got some grub and came home. Hope he will have good luck. Mrs. Tallman went right back. I feel almost sick. Have got the meanest cold. Charlie milked for me. Wrote some letters and went to bed shortly after eight.

Thursday, Feb. 10, 1916
Fair, sharp. Charlie still cutting ice. I feel some better. Ma made pies. Had a letter from Dorothy D. and a card from Lee. I went to sleep again this afternoon. Did the chores with Ma's help. Charlie came home early, about four as he fell in the pond. Bed at eight. Tried to finish the film and spoiled them all.

Friday, Feb. 11, 1916
Cloudy, snow some. Charlie finished cutting ice. I didn't have to do any chores, by hemlock! Ma made my blue dress and mended stockings. I worked all day. Had a letter from Lee. He's got a fine place. Am so glad. Went to bed at eight.

Saturday, Feb. 12, 1916
Snow all day. Ma finished the dress. I made a cake and worked all day, this forenoon anyway. Charlie cut wood. Mr. Pope went this afternoon. I had another letter from Lee and one from Ida. We went to the pictures this afternoon. Ma rode home with Ken and I waited for Lee. He came about six. We all went to the last rehearsal. It was a good one. Lee went home. We got home at one. I feel punk, got a touch of the grippe, I guess.

Sunday, Feb. 13, 1916
Snow until 3 p.m.. Cold. I got up at ten. Ate a bushel of beans. Read and slept until 3. Lee called on his way over street with Everett K. After dinner, we fooled some more. Lee came back, fed Clyde then we went for a ride. Got back at 9:15. Bed immediately. Started to knit a towel.

Monday, Feb. 14, 1916
Fair. Beautiful day. Up early. All of us. Ma scrubbed the floor and we did some cooking. Charlie worked around home. Alice sent me a valentine. Went up to the hall about six. The play went off fine. About 200 there. Oyster supper. Danced in the other hall. Danced every dance. Lee's learning fine. He brought me home. Got here at 4:30 a.m.!!! Goodness, that sounds awful. Had a ripping time, just the same. Probably will be the last we have together for some time.

Tuesday, Feb. 15, 1916
13 below here. Fair, great day. We got up at seven. Oh gosh. I was all in. Somebody stepped on my ankle last night and kicked the other. They hurt like time. Mr. Tallman brought Lee down and we took him over. Mama went to Dr. Graves to help Mrs. Rolfe. Lee went back to work. I came home, got dinner and tumbled on the couch at three and didn't know a thing until Charlie came tonight. Had a letter from Homer with the negatives. *(I wonder if this is the same Homer Crowther that she later married in California in the early 1960's.)* After supper, I wrote a long letter then went to bed. Fred Blanchard got some wood.

Wednesday, Feb. 16, 1916
Pleasant. Pope went twice. Charlie thinks that there is enough to pay for the place. He chopped this morning and took one load to Dr. Parker this afternoon. Had a letter from grandpa. Etta came down this afternoon. Practiced some. Got in some wood tonight. Went to bed about eight.

Thursday, Feb. 17, 1916
Quite warm, cloudy. Up at seven. Charlie loaded Pope then went to Penacook with wood to Dr. Parker this morning and again this afternoon. Jackie is awful sick, can hardly

breathe. McCall's came. Letter from Lee, card from Bernice. Knitted some. Separated. Wrote a letter. Sent it and a card to B. Bed shortly after nine.

Friday, Feb. 18, 1916
Snow. Washed several things. Did the general housework. Charlie worked in the woods this morning and he went after Ma this afternoon. I knitted a lot. Practiced. Aunt Lizzie wrote. Went to bed at nine. Ma and I had a scrap.

Saturday, Feb. 19, 1916
Cold. Wind blew. Fair. Started for Grantham and, believe me, it was some cold ride. Stopped at East Andover for dinner. Got here at 5:15. Started at nine. Went through Boscawen, Salisbury, Andover, Potter Place, East Andover, Wilmot, East Springfield, Springfield, West Springfield, North Grantham! Poor Daisy was some tired. After supper, we walked down to the library. Came home and went to bed. Met the Howards - Mr. and Mrs. Howard are great.

Sunday, Feb. 20, 1916
Colder, fair, beautiful day. Fooled around all day. Chicken dinner. Went down to Dr. Newcome's to spend the evening. Played and sang until ten. Bed soon after. Mrs. and Dr. Newcome are lovely people.

Monday, Feb. 21, 1916
Fair. Cold. Charlie and Bernice went snow shoeing for about two rods. This afternoon we went to East Grantham. Had two letters tonight from Lee. He's better. Went to Croyden or Coniston tonight to a chicken pie supper. Had a pleasant time. Got home at 12 and found another letter from Lee. Bed at one.

Tuesday, Feb. 22, 1916
Lovely day. Tired this morning. Started for home at 11:30. Great trip. Saw eight rabbits coming home and could have got all but one if we only had a gun. Got here at seven. Perhaps I'm not tired. Mama wasn't expecting us until tomorrow and she was some surprised. Went right to bed after we had a bite to eat.

Wednesday, Feb. 23, 1916
Cloudy. Snow at noon. I took Ma to Mrs. Rolf's this morning and then went to Concord. Took a vocal lesson. Got Lee's watch and my glasses fixed and got some grub then came home. Alvah came up and found us sleeping. I then hustled and got the work done. Charlie didn't do much either. I wrote two letters tonight, six pages in one. Went to bed at ten.

Thursday, Feb. 24, 1916
Fair until noon. Cloudy all p.m. We got up at seven. Chandler worked all day. I had my work done early. Etta came down this p.m. We raised the dickens as usual. I had a letter from Lee. Made a rice pudding. Knitted a while then went to bed at nine. Florence has another little boy.

Friday, Feb. 25, 1916
Rained hard all day. I got up at eight. Worked like time all day. Made a chocolate pie and the meringue was simply awful and we ate it right up. The apple pies were good. Had two letters from Lee today. Charlie cut wood in the shed.

Saturday, Feb. 26, 1916
Rained again, turned to snow. I cleaned the sitting room and did the rest of the work. Charlie cut more wood. Chandler came down this afternoon. I went to Penacook to the pictures. Saw Ma. Lee came down this morning. Came home with me. After supper, we sat up until ten. Charlie slept on the couch. Busted the sleigh coming home.

Sunday, Feb. 27, 1916
Fair and frosty. We got up about 7:30. Lee went to the store before breakfast. Fooled around all the morning. Made some fudge. Pope got the paper. Mr. and Mrs. Tallman came down. Left just before dinner. Lee went

back at three. Goodness, it seems so queer not to have either he or Ma here. Read a while. Played a while. Wrote a couple of letters and went to bed. Mrs. Rogers has another little boy.

Monday, Feb. 28, 1916
Fair, cold. Mended Charlie's mittens and my gloves. Nothing particular happened. Chandler came down and we played Pitch awhile. No mail. Went to bed early. Plants froze last night some.

Tuesday, Feb. 29, 1916
Fair, slightly warmer. Trimmed the plants up. Charlie caught 17 big mice in the oats. Some catch. Didn't take a lesson as Charlie couldn't fix the sleigh. Note from Lee. Answered it. Eggs for dinner. Bed at nine.

Wednesday, Mar. 1, 1916
A little more so. We got up at seven. Did a little work. Went to Concord. Took a lesson. Saw Ma. Mrs. Rolf has a little boy. Got home at 2:30. Etta came down. Hustled my work. Charlie cut and hauled some wood. Am quite tired. Bed at nine again.

Thursday, Mar. 2, 1916
Snow some. Nearly all I did was wash dishes and get something to eat. Separated. Developed a film. Came out fair. Had a dandy dinner. Chandler and Charlie went after half a hog at Mrs. Rolf's. I had a letter from Lee and I wrote one to him and to Alice tonight. Bed at ten.

Friday, Mar. 3, 1916
Great day. We got up at 6:30. Pope went once. Charlie chopped and hauled wood and cut up the hog. Chandler here to dinner. I tried out lard, 12 lbs. Gee, but the scraps all great. Washed part of the kitchen floor. I went up to Etta's and shot the "law off a rabbit" with my 22. Got some eggs. I made some dandy griddle cakes tonight. Gosh, I'm sleepy. Guess I'll go to bed.

Saturday, Mar. 4, 1916
Fair. Finished the kitchen floor and cooked pies. Letter from Lee. Chandler here. My floor looks great. Charlie and I went to the pictures tonight altho he nearly had a fit. They were fine. Wish they would give more of the "Broken Coin ". Got home at ten. Quite cold.

Sunday, Mar. 5, 1916
Fair, windy. I got up at 9:30. Fooled the morning away. Roasted my pork yesterday for dinner. Charlie went to Concord for lesson. Etta came down and spent the afternoon. I made some dandy fudge and put it away in a can. Lugged in wood and did dishes. Charlie came shortly after six. Read the paper. Wrote a letter and went to bed.

Monday, Mar. 6, 1916
Cloudy. The Republican Caucus at Center. Charlie didn't go. Made some more pies and some dandy candy. Nothing happened. Bed at nine.

Tuesday, Mar. 7, 1916
Snow. Am so mad. Spoiled two cakes for Grange. Chandler worked. Had two letters from Lee and Helen. Went to Grange. Deputy came. 17 present. Ralph N. took the last degrees. Got home at one. Harry Osborne has got a tape worm. Olga and Warren have disappeared.

Wednesday, Mar. 8, 1916
Snow hard about l2 inches. Gosh, guess I'm tired. Charlie didn't amount to anything, neither did I. He slept most of the p.m. Chandler worked this a.m. Letter from Ida.

Thursday, Mar. 9, 1916
Windy. I went over to see Ma with Charlie. Did some washing this morning. Scott hauled the last log and Charlie got paid. He went to Brown's tonight and squared up with him and now our home is our own. I didn't have supper

until he came back at nine. Bed soon after. Had a letter.

Friday, Mar. 10, 1916
Fair. Charlie hauled wood with the steers. I made 2 apple pies, one chocolate and one lemon. The lemon was great. Scrubbed the kitchen floor hard. Had another letter. Went to bed early. Olga and Warren came home - married.

Saturday, Mar. 11, 1916
Fair, fine day. I didn't work very hard this forenoon. Roasted pork yesterday for dinner. Did the dishes. Charlie painted the wagon wheels. Went to the pictures this p.m. with Ma. Went home with her. Stayed until time for Lee. Met him and came home. Mrs. Tallman got us here. Had supper at her house. Lee and I talked alone awhile, then went to bed.

Sunday, Mar. 12, 1916
Fair, quite warm. I got up around seven. After breakfast, Lee and I traveled all over the house and barn. Then we went to the little house and went over that. It's a dear little place. After dinner, Mrs. Tallman brought us here and Charlie took Lee to Penacook but he didn't go to Concord. I did the work up. Charlie came about 4:30. I read the paper, wrote two letters and went to bed.

Monday, Mar. 13, 1916
Snow. I made more pies and a cake. Chandler came down a while. Did the dishes tonight with Charlie's help, for a wonder. Nothing happened worth mentioning.

Tuesday, Mar. 14, 1916
Cloudy. We went to Town Meeting. I worked in the hall with Mrs. Hill, Tallman, Fletcher and Plastridge. Had a pleasant time. Lee wrote. Got home at 3:30. Cut my thumb to the bone with the axe. Saw the bone before the blood came. Gosh. It looked sickening. Didn't hurt a bit until the hot water struck then, good night. Wrote a letter.

Wednesday, Mar. 15, 1916
Snowed hard all day. Felt punk all day. Darn thumb is so sore. I can't use it. Poor Charles had to do the dishes. We managed to get something to eat. Went to sleep on the couch. Hope I'll feel better tomorrow.

Thursday, Mar. 16, 1916
Snow blew all day. Feel some better. Did quite a lot of work. Knitted some. Had two letters, both dandies. All the roads drifted badly. Vida came up to see Ma. Awful lonesome tonight. Am going to write then beat it.

Friday, Mar. 17, 1916
Ditto, extremely cold. Charlie shoveled snow this forenoon. Chandler here to dinner. The wind is terrible. They couldn't work this afternoon. I haven't washed a dish since Monday. Quite a record. My throat is very sore. My head aches. My thumb is lame and I feel punk all over. Guess I'm going to flop. Wrote a letter to Pictorial Review. Charlie slept in the sitting room to keep the fire.

Saturday, Mar. 18, 1916
Cold, fair, not so much wind. Everybody shoveled all day. Maxie didn't go half his route, the roads were so bad. No mail. Chandler here to dinner. We went to the pictures tonight. Was late but what we saw ever good, especially the "Broken Coin". Saw Homer, got home at 10:30. Bed shortly after eleven.

Sunday, Mar. 19. 1916
Fair, some windy. Charlie had to fix the telephone and had to take two trips so was gone nearly all day. Pope got the paper. Started "Robinson Crusoe". It's some book. Practiced some. Wish Ma was home. *(As I understand it, her mother would go to women's homes and stay there while she sewed for them.)*

pork. Charlie chopped. My letter came. Wrote a letter tonight. Saw a robin. Went down to Scales this morning and got a lot of stationary. *(I wonder if Scales was a little store.)*

Friday, Mar. 31, 1916
Warm again. Cleaned out the sitting room cupboard. It looks fine. Charlie chopped. Wrote a letter to Helen. Practiced half an hour. Feel punk so didn't do much.

Saturday, Apr, 1, 1916
Ditto. Charlie and I saw a swallow. Feel punk again. George D. came up. Cleaned the sitting room. Charlie chopped. I washed the kitchen floor. We went to the pictures tonight. They were quite good. The Etude *(a music magazine)* and my letter came. Bed at eleven.

Sunday, Apr. 2, 1916
Some cloudy. Rained a little last night. Matott's got our paper and I drove down for it. Charlie went to the river a while. I read a novel. Gosh, such love making and tragic scenes. It's been an awful lonesome day with Charlie gone. When he was here, he was asleep. I went to sleep on the couch until nine then wrote a letter. Jenny Blake brought up some syrup and sap.

Monday, Apr. 3, 1916
Not very warm. I took Mrs. Glover over street this morning. Got back in time to get dinner for Chandler. Cleaned out a cupboard this afternoon. We went to the Cantata rehearsal tonight. Got home around ten. Nearly frozen.

Tuesday, Apr. 4, 1916
Disagreeable day. Some snow, hail and rain. Charlie went to the river, found a lot of sap and we went down tonight to get it and it was gone, pail and all. Charlie fell in the brook and I got my feet soaked. Cleaned the pantry, partly and made some dandy fudge. Developed a film and had fine luck.

Wednesday, Apr. 5, 1916
Fair. Warmer. I went to Concord today for my lesson. Made three pounds of butter this morning. Got home at two. Oh, thunder, it's an awful job to go to Concord. Lee's delayed letter came. Charlie chopped. Finished cleaning the pantry. I'm tired by gosh, and I'm going to bed as soon as I write a letter.

Thursday, Apr. 6, 1916
Fair, pleasant. Charlie tapped some trees back of the field and chopped. I did some washing. Short letter from Lee. Boiled awhile tonight. *(I imagine she boiled the maple tree sap.)* Made bread and custards. Felt awful foolish tonight. Wrote a letter to Ida and it sounded so nutty that I burned it.

Friday, Apr. 7, 1916
Ditto. Jerry gave us the use of his trees, the rest of the run. Charlie gathered eight pails this noon. No mail. Boiled all the afternoon. Awful job. Charlie slept awhile this p.m. and fixed the telephone for Charlie Hill. Light snow this morning. Charlie got up at 4:30 to haul wood. Jerry came up tonight. Kezer couldn't go, disappointed, too. Bed at 9:30.

Saturday, Apr. 8, 1916
Snow hard at night. Worked like the dickens all day. Washed floor. Boiled all the afternoon, fair run. Charlie hauled some wood. It snowed hard when we started for Penacook. Met Ma and Lee. The pictures were punk. Lee gave me a dandy box of stationary, chocolates, etc. Ate something when we came home. Talked until 12:30.

Sunday, Apr. 9, 1916
Cold. Awful nasty day. Snowed hard. After breakfast, Lee and I went to Etta's. I won my bet with Lee. Had a snowball fight coming home. Ma and Mrs. Tallman came down. I took Lee to his car. Stopped to see Ma awhile. Got home alright, nearly frozen , hard going. Wrote a long letter to Ida.

Monday, Apr. 10, 1916
Feel sick, so does Charlie. Darn cold and sick headache. Big run of sap, boiled all p.m. Didn't do much. Letter from Cousin Vin. Bed early.

Tuesday, Apr. 11, 1916
Beautiful day. We both feel much better. Separated. Read a novel. The sap ran great - 15 pails full. Boiled all day. Got a gallon in all. Charlie worked down to Sarah's this afternoon. A letter from Aunt Clara and my letter. Kind of tired.

Wednesday, Apr. 12, 1916
Some rain, cloudy. Boiled all day again. Didn't run much. Charlie worked this forenoon and loafed the afternoon. His letter came and papers. Cousin Preston walked in the door about three. We were somewhat surprised. He and Charlie walked to the mill and he expects to start work tomorrow. Put bread to rise tonight. Am somewhat sleepy so am going to beat it at 9:30.

Thursday, Apr. 13, 1916
Fair. We all got up at 5. Got Preston's dinner put up. Had to fry some bread. I made some doughnuts, cakes, etc. Etta came down. My letter came as usual. We all went to bed early. Boiled again.

Friday, Apr. 14, 1916
Cloudy. Rain and snow in p.m. Charlie went over street and got some tiny trout to put in the brook. Then worked for Sarah. Preston came home early on account of snow. I made some pies and washed the pantry floor.

Saturday, Apr. 15, 1916
Beautiful day, warm. We all got up at usual time. I worked like fury all the forenoon. Charlie went to sleep a few minutes. Snow all gone, roads muddy. Telephone wires all down. Charlie fixed one then went to Sarah's this afternoon and finished her job. I went after Ma. We went to the pictures. We took the next car to Concord. Oh, gosh, I had more fun than a barrel of monkeys. She ran to the car and I walked behind with the conductor and , to cap it all, neither of us had a cent in change, only a check. Had to borrow car fare. Got some hats, gloves, etc. Lee came on the same car. I was very much surprised to see him. Supper as soon as possible. Bed shortly after 11:30.

Sunday, Apr. 16, 1916
Ditto. Got up about seven. Charlie and Preston fixed telephone lines all day altho, they came home for dinner. Trimmed my hat, by gosh. Lee and I went mayflowering and got only a few. Ma took our pictures smoking cigarettes. Mr. and Mrs. Tallman came down, took some more pictures. Mama was taken with a dizzy spell and I was very frightened. Took Lee to his car. The folks left as soon as I came home. Washed the separator and dishes. The boys came about seven. Got their supper. Am very tired. Wrote a card.

Monday, Apr. 17, 1916
Rain some, cloudy. I got up at five thirty. Charlie worked at Dr. Trues. I took Ma to Mrs. Browns. Stopped to see Florence and her babies. The oldest is a dear. Didn't do much all day. Started to paint my wheel. Made a cake. Mrs. Brown brought Ma home. Printed some pictures. They turned out fine. Bed at 10.

Tuesday, Apr. 18, 1916
Fair. Ma home for a wonder. We puttered around all day. Charlie worked same place. My letter came. Wind blew like the dickens tonight. Finished the pictures we took Sunday. All were fine. Preston, Ma and I went to the pictures. "Just Jim" was splendid. Sent a letter. Got home at 10:30. Charlie got a letter, too and Peggy Key Scott told me how to earn the many gifts I want.

Wednesday, Apr. 19, 1916

Fair. Charlie worked only half a day. Etta came down and we gave her some sugar. Made lemon pie and it was dandy. Charlie met Preston and got one trout. Another letter.

Thursday, Apr. 20, 1916
Fair, cloudy. Charlie fixed fence and slept in the p.m. Another letter. Grandpa sent some onions. I picked some mayflowers and they were beauties. Charles and I had a scrap. McCalls came. Made a cake and it was fine. Am very tired. Went to bed just as soon as my dishes were done.

Friday, Apr. 21, 1916
Cloudy all day. Up at usual time. Puttered around all day. Sent the mayflowers to Cousin Mamie. Washed lamps. Separated. Had a letter. Went after Mamma tonight. Got something for supper. Charlie got five dandy trout.

Saturday, Apr. 22, 1916
Cloudy. Poured in p.m. Hated like the deuce to start in working this morning. Ma trimmed my hat over and over and over again. I went to sleep this p.m. while Ma washed my floor. When I woke up, it was pouring. Frosted a cake and got supper early. Golly, it tasted good. Mr. Tallman met Lee. Ate another supper over there. Played Pitch awhile. Didn't get to bed very early.

Sunday Apr. 23, 1916
Rain. Easter and it poured all day. Simply poured. Got up about eight. Fooled around until after eleven. We looked over the little house again and made some more plans. After dinner, Mr. Tallman brought us back and Lee went back to work. I got dinner for the folks. Everybody wrote letters but me. Did the dishes and went to bed.

Monday, Apr. 24, 1916
Ditto. Sick headache nearly all day. Ma stayed at home and made herself a coat. The boys went over street for hair cuts, etc. Charlie bought a harrow and ordered some pigs. Went up to Mrs. Pope's and got her subscription for the Pictorial. Made some custards. Ma made some rolls. I feel punk. Went to bed early. Charlie sent for the Boston Post.

Tuesday, Apr 25, 1916
Fair. Charlie took Ma to work. Preston worked. I put bread to rise and washed the separator. Picked mayflowers. Charlie had two teeth pulled this morning and he want to sleep this afternoon. Sent in my three subscriptions. Went to the pictures tonight. They were fair. Bed at 10:30.

Wednesday, Apr. 26, 1916
Disagreeable day, rain. Joe Houser fixed the hole for the stove pipe and whitened the ceilings. Preston worked only part of the day. Made a pie and a punk sponge cake. Printed two dozen pictures tonight. Wrote a letter and a card then went to bed. The Boston Post came, Charlie's letter, one for Preston and the other paper also some cards from the Gentlewoman. Bed at ten.

Thursday, Apr. 27, 1916
Cloudy, cold. Awful late getting breakfast. Charlie hauled up wood nearly all day. Letter from Aunt Clara and Lee. Made a sponge cake and it fell just enough to make it good. Slight headache. Bed early.

Friday, Apr. 28, 1916
Rain hard all day. Didn't any of us get up until eight. Darned old fire wouldn't burn worth a cent. The boys didn't do a thing all the forenoon. This afternoon, Chandler came down and the three of them went after Charlie's harrow. I did some washing and scrubbed the kitchen floor. Washed Charlie's underdrawers for the second time since Feb. 18th. Had a letter from Peggy Key Scott, Uncle Steve, Leo and Helen, two advs. and two papers. Some mail! "Golly, I'se tarred". Guess I'll go to bed.

Saturday, Apr. 29, 1916
Fine day! Worked like the devil all day. Joe Houser finished whitening the walls. Leonard sawed all the wood. Preston finished at the mill, came home early. Went to the pictures. Met Lee, walked up to see Ma. Charlie bought a harness. Got some ice cream for the first time this year. Forgot to strain the milk. Built the fire and strained it. Bed sometime ?

Sunday, Apr. 30, 1916
Fair. Ma came home this morning. I went after her and she wasn't up. Tried the new harness. Breakfast when we got home. Lee and I went mayflowering. Didn't get many. Mr. and Mrs. Tallman came down a few minutes. Lee hated to go back this time - no more than I hated to have him. Ma and I went down to the store and got some olives, ate two bottles right off. We all wrote some letters then went to bed.

Monday, May 1, 1916
Fair again. Everybody up early. The boys plowed all day. Ma and I went to Concord on the nine-sixteen. Oh, we had a_____ of a time. Got the goods, etc. for my suit. Dinner at Vida's. Pictures at the Starr Theater. Mrs. Brown brought us home. Corn chowder then bed.

Tuesday, May 2, 1916
Some cloudy. Ma dug in the garden nearly all day. We both feel punk, too much dissipation? Picked a beautiful bunch of flowers. Custards for supper. Charlie hauled wood to Mrs. Wiggin. Wrote a long letter. Made bread.

Wednesday, May 3, 1916
Fair. We washed all day. Sent Mrs. Barrett and Uncle Steve mayflowers. My pin came. It's a dear. Charlie hauled wood to the Center. Fixed my wheel.

Thursday, May 4, 1916
Fair. Saw a kingbird. Ma sewed some on my suit nearly all day. The boys worked at home. Had a dandy letter. Martha came over this afternoon. I picked another big bunch of flowers. Took them to Dr. Parker and Mrs. McFee on my wheel. *(This must be a bicycle.)* Ma and Preston followed on foot. Went to the pictures. Great time coming home. Was in bed before the folks got here.

Friday, May 5, 1916
Rain some. Ma finished my suit. Charlie went to Penacook tonight after flour, etc. Picked more flowers. Expected Dorothy but she couldn't come. Wrote her a note and went to bed.

Saturday, May 6, 1916
Hot. Hustled all this morning. The boys planted peas, cucumber, etc. this morning and went to the auction this afternoon in Boscawen. I rode over street on my wheel. Went to the pictures. Gave Mrs. Rolfe some posies. Waited for Lee. Walked to Scale's. Mrs. Tallman met us. Didn't get through supper until ll. Bed rather late. Charlie bought a plow.

Sunday, May 7, 1916
Fair, very warm. Didn't get up until eight. After breakfast, we rode over to Dorothy's on one wheel. Believe me, a crossbar is no easy seat. Heard some news, Am very glad I found out. Lee went back on his wheel. Mrs. Tallman brought me. Thunder shower this p.m.

Monday, May 8, 1916
Fair. I took Ma to Penacook this morning. Preston worked on the road. Charlie plowed. Dug some dandelions for supper. Charlie went fishing a few minutes and caught three suckers tonight. We all went to bed about nine. Baked bread. Charlie put the steers in Dr. Ture's pasture for the summer.

Tuesday, May 9, 1916

Fair. Preston worked again on the road. Charlie worked the horses today again. Dug some more greens which we had for supper with the fish. Sewed the buttons on my suit then did my dishes. Preston has an awful toothache and went to the dentist at twelve o'clock then he couldn't get it out.

Wednesday, May 10, 1916
A little cloudy. Charlie worked on the road all day. I did all the work early. Preston nearly drove me crazy until he left for Ed Beverly to work. Made cake and custards. Letter from Lee and Helen. Had an early supper. Several papers came also my music I ordered.

Thursday, May 11, 1916
Fair, terrible wind. I am engaged. Lee has given me a beautiful diamond. Guess I'll begin at the beginning. Charlie worked on the road. I got all my work done and took the 9:16. Wore my suit for the first time. Met Lee in Concord. I took a vocal lesson then we went to Vida's for dinner. Lyle went with us to the Starr Theater. Then we came to Penacook. Got the cards. Supper at Mrs. Omsbee's. Got Ma and we all went to the pictures again and hoofed it home. Charlie was off fighting fire. We had the blues coming home. Didn't get to bed until twelve. Paid the conductor the .20 for our carfare for April 15. Mr. Pettingill burned to death in the fire.

Friday, May 12, 1916
Windy again. Charlie came home at 5:30 this morning so tired. Lee and I did the chores. I then washed the dishes and did the other work. We sent an announcement of our engagement to 48 of our relatives and friends. Mr. Greer and Etta called this afternoon. Lee went to the Anter. I slept a couple of hours, then we got ready and went over street on our wheels. Stopped at Mr. Greer's a while then went to a High School play and dance. Had a splendid time. First dance I've been to since the Country Doctor on Feb. 14. Made an awful mistake coming home and I can't help but laugh when I think of it. Bed at 2:30. Charlie shot two pigeons.

Saturday, May 13, 1916
Not quite so windy. Didn't get up until ten. Washed the separator, helped Ma until 11:30 and then got Lee and myself some breakfast and dinner. Started for Mrs. Tallman's soon after on our wheels. Fooled around all the afternoon. Washed some of our dishes but didn't have time to finish them. Came home with team, changed our clothes then went to the pictures. Mrs. Tallman and Henry also. Ma and Charlie came later. Changed my clothes again and went home with Lee. Had a very strange experience going home. Ate some peanuts, talked a while and went to bed.

Sunday, May 14, 1916
Cool, pleasant. Up about 9:30. After breakfast, we dug some mud worms and went fishing in Craneneck pond. Caught 45 dandy hornpouts and three perch. Had them for dinner. Went down to Dour's after dinner. Henry R. and Edith came and took us all for a ride in his car. He caught three trout. Edith stayed and slept with me. Got sunburned this morning.

Monday, May 15, 1916
Cloudy, rain some. Lee called me at four. Had a lunch and started - he for Wolfborough and I for home. Oh, darn, it's tough. The folks weren't up when I came. Charlie plowed. Ma fixed Mrs. Pope's coat. I went to sleep a while then made some doughnuts and a cake. Greens for dinner and asparagus on toast for supper. Wrote a letter to Grandpa. My shoes and hat came. Both are punk. Am going to send the hat back.

May 16, 1916
Charlie went to Penacook to fix telephone, get grass seed, turpentine, etc. Fixed Mrs. Pope's telephone and I am going to send in a bill, by gosh. Aunt Maud sent me congratulations.

Guess she thought I was married. Card from Lee. Made lemon jelly. Ma cleaned out a lot of drawers. Went to Grange, only eight out. Poured coming home.

Wednesday, May 17, 19916
Rain all day. Charlie went over street to fix telephone. He went to sleep this p.m. and had to go over again. Had a dandy letter from Lee. Ma painted as usual. We made some dandy doughnuts. Bed early.

Thursday, May 18, 1916
Ditto, not quite all day. Started to make some pies and no sugar. Ma painted some in our room again. Charlie hauled some manure. We all went to the pictures tonight. Sent a letter to Lee. Bed at 10:30.

Friday, May 19, 1916
Hot and windy. I got my work all done early. Made custards. Everett K. was very much interested in my ring. Wanted to know if it had blossomed. Charlie harrowed. I rode over to Dorothy's on my wheel. Stopped to see Etta, Leola, Mrs. Tallman and Mrs. Becks. Got dumped going over and landed in the ditch. Mr. French nearly saw me. He'd probably said, "Praise the Lord." when I was going and "Hallelujah" when I landed. Mrs. Beck has the dearest little girl. Had supper and walked over to see Preston a minute. Dorothy and I had a long talk. Sleep sometime.

Sunday, May 21, 1916
Soso. Dorothy and I went with the cows before eats. Helped her with the dishes. Fooled all the forenoon away. After dinner I came home. Had a lovely time. Didn't get dumped coming home. I have got some peachy looking legs to pay for my tumble yesterday. Charlie made some ice cream. It was fine. Mrs. Tallman, the two Henry's and Edith came along and took me to Penacook. None of us had a hat. More ice cream. Wrote a letter. Cried myself to sleep. This is a tough old world.

Monday, May 22, 1916
Fair, cloudy at night. I got up about six. Whitewashed the rocks in the flower garden. Slept a while after dinner. Dug dandelions for dinner and washed separator and dishes. Charlie sowed oats and planted his corn with Jerry's help. Ma finished painting our room and started papering it. Everybody tired. Had a letter from Mamie. I felt the effects of my fall today, believe me.

Tuesday, May 23, 1916
Rain all day. Charlie sowed some lettuce and went fishing all day. Ma and I sewed this forenoon and papered the front entry and some in our room. Cut some asparagus for dinner. Had the longest letter I ever had from Lee. Ma and I went to the pictures tonight. Saw Ella Hall in "Jewel". Put up the horse alone. Bed at 10:30.

Wednesday, May 24, 1916
Hot, great day. I got up at seven. We finished papering our room this morning and painted the floor one coat. Charlie helped Jerry and Ken. Letter from Chatham, Massachusetts. *(She was hired as a chamber maid at the Chatham Bars Inn for the summer.)* I get there the 12th. Charlie caught three trout. Ate a big supper. I was so tired and ugly I could fight with anyone before supper. Feel much better now.

Thursday, May 25, 1916
Rain some. I painted the other coat in our room and Ma ironed the curtains. Tore a little paper off in the sitting room. Rested a while and wrote a letter. Ma and I went over street, got some paint. Went to the pictures. Lee wrote, also Mamie.

Friday, May 26, 1916
Fair. Finished the paper in the sitting room. Ma painted in there. I varnished the desk, table and several chairs this p.m. Etta came down.

Went to bed early. Slept in our own room tonight.

Saturday, May 27, 1916
Fair, hot and cloudy. Charlie plowed this forenoon and went fishing this p.m. We worked as usual. Am rather tired. Got ready early and we went over street, took all my money out. The "Broken Coin" was great. Charlie came later. He got 12 beauties. Got home at just ten.

Sunday, May 28, 1916
Rain. Oh, gosh, this is an awful dreary day for Sunday. Made ice cream. Charlie went with Ken and got one more trout. Chandler here to dinner. Had a ripping one. Mrs. Tallman, Edith, Martha S. and Henry came and took me over home. Stayed about an hour. Wrote a letter to my kiddo, a lonesome one, too. Bed at nine.

Monday, May 29, 1916
Hotter than _____. Ma washed this morning and I worked and did some sewing. Chandler helped Charlie this p.m. He took us to the depot and we went to Concord. Just in time for the movies at the Starr. They were great and then we tramped and tramped, got cloth for bathing suit and petticoat, a searchlight for Lee, some corsets, shoes, stockings, wall paper, etc., etc. Charlie met us. Went directly to bed with a headache.

Tuesday, May 30, 1916
Fair. I didn't get up quite as early this morning. Ironed all the forenoon. Did other work and helped paper the sitting room. Lee wrote, poor kid. Mrs. Pope came down a few minutes. Had a laughing spell and ended crying. Wrote only a card and bed as soon as I finished. Charlie caught 18 more trout.

Wednesday, May 31, 1916
Rain all day. Painted part of the sitting room and finished the papering. Feel some better today. I painted some in the kitchen. No mail. Got some berries which we had for dinner with the fish. Bed early.

Thursday, June 1, 1916
Ditto. We papered part of the kitchen. Finished all the painting we are going to do and finished the sitting room. Lee wrote and I am very much worried. Card from Lillian and letters from Ida and Uncle Steve. Was kind of hysterical this p.m. Mrs. Brown and Ormsbee called. Hurray, we quit house cleaning for a while. Today is Lee's birthday. We all went to the pictures. Sent a card to Uncle. Bed at 10:30.

Friday, June 2, 1916
Fair, cool. Slept late again this morning. Thank goodness, we didn't do any cleaning today. Ma made my bathing suit and sewed on several little things. Worked this morning. Lee sent two of the darndest cards. Trimmed my hat and it is a dear. Charlie planted beans, etc. Etta came down. Went to bed quite early. Finished the pictures. They were fine.

Saturday, June 3, 1916
Cloudy. Rain hard at night. We put the rugs down today and straightened the whole room. Ma finished my bathing suit. Charlie decided to dig up the sink pipe as it was running in the cellar. Letter from Helen and a card from Lee's uncle. We all three went to see the end of the "Broken Coin". She married him, of course. Sewed the buttons on my suit and did some mending. Met Lee at the 8 o'clock. Was so glad to see him. Went to bed at twelve.

Sunday, June 4, 1916
Beautiful day. After breakfast, Lee and I drove home. Had been there just a short time when Mother telephoned that I could go to Boston with Ethel Stearns. So I hurried home. Poor Lee. He took it pretty hard but we can only hope for the best and trust each other. I had dinner in Concord and drove to Winchester in

Ethel's car. It was a beautiful trip, of course. Started at 2:40 and arrived at 6:30. Train to Boston and Georgie met me. Went to Aunt Maud's. Everybody glad to see me. Saw Aunt Mae, Helen, Gertrude and met Jim. Uncle Steve and Aunt Lizzie came over and I came home with them. Oh, golly, I'm tired.

Monday, June 5, 1916
Pleasant day. Didn't sleep very well. Was rather restless. Got up before anyone and wrote a couple of letters. Fooled around all the morning. After dinner, Uncle took me to Keith's Theater. It is a beautiful building. The show was fine. Had some ice cream. Walked around a while then came home. The folks went to a wedding and I put the kids to bed. Good night, what a job! Tucked the baby to sleep and kept the others from fighting. Went to bed rather tired at 11.

Tuesday, June 6, 1916
Fair, some cloudy. Slept fine. Wrote letters all the morning. We went out to Franklin Park. Saw two of the handsomest lions in captivity. Also wolves and some beautiful birds which I never saw before. One of the peacocks spread his tail. Such an immense thing. Everything was so interesting. Scratched an elk's head. He was a dear. After supper, John and Joe took me to Aunt Maud's again. Sang a while and went to bed. I can't help but think of what happened a year also two years ago today and I am feeling rather blue.

Wednesday, June 7, 1916
Pleasant, cloudy again. I got up around nine, I guess. George went to the hospital this morning. Found he had an ulcer in his nose. Aunt Maud, Mamie and I went to the pictures at the Imperial. Met their Aunt Fan who was home when we got there. Went to see Gladys and family tonight. She has got a lovely home. Ate nearly a quart of ice cream. Awful cold coming home. I had all the lobster salad I could eat for once.

Thursday, June 8, 1916
Cloudy, rain at night. Got up about nine. Helped Aunt Maud until noon then she and I went down to the Aquarium and I more than enjoyed it. Saw quite a variety of fish, also sea lions and sea turtles. After supper, Aunt Maud took me to Gordons Olympia in Boston. It was very good. Heard a fine tenor and saw some performing birds. Got some ice cream and came home. Jim was there with some new pieces of music. Played a while before going to bed. Letter from Lee and Ma.

Friday, June 9, 1916
Rain. I didn't get up until nearly eleven and I found three letters, Lee, Ma and Etta. Went down to see Molly but she wasn't at home. After dinner, she was and we had a nice little chat and a lunch. I did some washing. Auntie and I went to the Imperial again. Jim brought more music.

Saturday, June 10, 1916
Ditto. I got up at nine. After breakfast, I wrote to Leola, did the dishes and some ironing. Felt real foolish today. Joe and Mary came over so I came home or here rather with them. After supper, Uncle Steve took me to the pictures and I saw "The Race" which was the best one I've seen here. I felt so lonesome when I got here that I had to write before I went to bed. I guess it was a lonesome one alright.

Sunday, June 11, 1916
Rain again. I slept punk again last night. Nearly froze. After breakfast, we went to church, the Catholic Church with Uncle Steve and Lizzie, also John. We made ice cream and it was great - pineapple, bananas, strawberries, currants with cherries on top. Uncle went to work at three. I wrote to Ma and Lee. I made some fudge for the kids. After they were in bed, Aunt Lizzie and I went over to Uncle John's and I saw Aunt Lena, Herman and John, Olive and Joe for the first time. I realized I

missed a lot for they are lovely people. We got home after eleven.

Monday, June 12, 1916
Kind of dubious. I woke up with a headache, took a lemon and it left. Chased all over Dorchester for a letter that the mail man marked unknown without finding whether I was Ruth Gilman or not. Uncle Steve brought me to the station. Met Bernice O.K. Aunt Maud brought us a lunch. We started at 1:33 for Chatham and got here at 5:30. Picked out our rooms in the dormitory and made our beds. After supper, we walked up town to see the sights and mail cards home. I slept in Bernice's room, went to bed at 8:30 Came with just $7.00, cards and stamps .15

Tuesday, June 13, 1916
Fair, hurray. I am my own boss after this because I am 18 today. I had rather a punk birthday, in a strange place, not a word from home and a headache besides. Bernice and I cleaned nine rooms in the hotel which took nearly all day. The Inn *(The Chatham Bars Inn)* certainly is a fine place. We had some punk meat this morning but it was better this noon. We went to town again. I got some fruit - .28. Now have $6.57. Our trunks came. Went to bed at 8. Awful cold and foggy.

Wednesday, June 14, 1916
Some cloudy, cold. We have got some dandy waitresses. Two are Irish and one weighs 200 lbs, the other, I can't explain. I cleaned more rooms upstairs until 4 then loafed 'til supper. No headache today. I got three letters, two from Lee and one from Ma and I was some tickled. I took my shoes up after supper to have rubber heels put on. Sent a letter to Dot and a card to Charles. We had two cats all night. Four guests at the Inn. I bought cuff links, thimbles and cards. Now have $6.10.

Thursday, June 15, 1916
Cloudy again. Breakfast every morning at 6:30 and 7. We cleaned a cottage this morning and it was a beauty - only $500 a week, WOW. Got through at 11:30. The Inn opens this a.m. Everybody in uniforms. Wrote cards and a letter after dinner and slept or tried to until supper. Went down after supper. Not much doing. Sewed on our aprons until 9:30

Friday, June 16, 1916
Fair part of the day. Up at usual time. Bernice and I cleaned another cottage this forenoon and nothing more until night. We have had the same kind of pudding for dinner ever since I came, with variations. We had a nap this afternoon. A lot of guests came tonight and we were very busy. Bernice on watch and I stayed with her until ten. The orchestra is fine. Spent 10 cents on a stamp and got a 25 cent tip. Now have $6.27.

Saturday, June 17, 1916
Disagreeable. Couldn't seem to get to sleep last night. Am going to swear off tea. I began work this morning for keeps, I suppose. I had charge of seven rooms, got six all cleaned by 10:30. Went to the dormitory and wrote a letter to Etta until noon. After dinner, I cleaned the other room. Am on watch this p.m. I have learned all the girl's names that work with me but it would take me six months of Sundays to learn them all. Bernice and I went to the pictures tonight, saw Geraldine Farrar in "Temptation". Got home at eleven. Wrote to Ma and Lee. Had a letter from Leola and Lee, also a card from Charles.

Sunday, June 18, 1916
Poured this a.m. Fair later. I finished eight rooms this morning at shortly after eleven. Rested 'til dinner. Cabbage and ham with bread pudding for dessert for a Sun. dinner. Gets my goat. Thunder, what a dinner. I would give all my old shoes for some of mother's ice cream. Finished my other room after dinner and "watched" for Ula this afternoon. One of the